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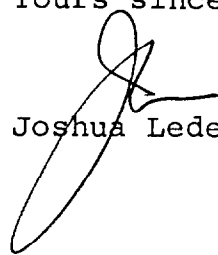
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Mr. John D. Steinbruner
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Dear John:

I was at a luncheon at CFR with Dan Quayle. He cautioned that "our force reduction should not get ahead of the arms control process". This tends to corroborate my concern that arms negotiations will be used as a device to hinder build down. He also remarked that in objective terms our strategic balance with the Soviet Union had worsened during the past decade whatever better might be said about conventional forces. I barely refrained from asking him whether that was then worth bankrupting the nation's economy.

Yours sincerely,


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